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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, CVIS, VS, LA

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM BY VIETNAMESE NATIONAL

1. OUR ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO THE CASE OF PHAM NGOC THU, FORMERLY THE US AMBASSADOR'S DRIVER DURING TENURES OF AMBASSADORS UNGER AND SULLIVAN. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, HE FEARS FOR HIS SAFETY AND HAS REQUESTED ASYLUM AND ASSISTANCE TO REACH THE US. HE IS WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION SINCE HIS AND HIS FAMILY'S PASSPORTS ALLEGEDLY SEQUESTERED AND POSSIBLY DESTROYED WHEN DRV TOOK OVER SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE.

2. AMBASSADOR UNGER HAS INFORMED US THAT HE IS PREPARED TO SPONSOR PHAM NGOC THU'S ENTRY INTO THE US.

3. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THIS CASE FITS THE CATEGORY UNDER WHICH EMBASSY VIENTIANE HAS PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED VIETNAMESE  
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EMPLOYEES DUE PERSONAL RISK THEIR LIVES. WE ALSO ARE AWARE

OF DIFFICULTIES PRESENTLY ENCOUNTERED BY CERTAIN FOREIGNERS,  
INCLUDING VIETNAMESE, IN LEAVING LAOS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPORT ON THIS CASE, WHAT CAN BE  
DONE AND IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. INGERSOLL

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